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I had never observed the action of the serum, and therefore refrained from the exhibition of the full dose directed by Professor Sanarelli, that of 20 c. c., and feel satisfied that the latter dose would have caused much alarm, and probably harm, in the second case reported. I regret that I have not been able to accomplish your purpose to have a full test made of this serum, but I realized that it was more necessary to arrive at a just conclusion of its merits, based on correct data, than merely to use it on uncertain cases. A more thorough test will be made at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully, yours,

EUGENE WASDIN,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 10, 1898.

*Case of yellow fever in Washington, D. C.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 23, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report a death in this city, on the 18th instant, from yellow fever. The deceased was a civil engineer in the employ of the Nicaraguan Canal Commission, who had arrived at New York on the steamer *Allegheny* on the 16th instant from Greytown, Nicaragua, via Port Limon, Costa Rica. He came directly to this city from New York on the day of his arrival, registered at a hotel here about 7 o'clock, and went immediately to his room, where he apparently became unconscious shortly afterward. Nothing more is known of him until about 3 o'clock a. m. on the morning of the 18th instant, when the occupant of the adjoining room was aroused by noises in the apartment occupied by the deceased. A physician was immediately called, and, suspecting the nature of the disease, took steps to have it definitely diagnosed. The patient died at 2 o'clock p. m. on that date. All doubt as to the nature of the disease was removed by a necropsy held on the 19th instant.

I am glad to take this opportunity to thank you for the prompt assistance furnished in this case by your Bureau.

Respectfully,

WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D.,  
Health Officer.

*Further concerning suspicious cases on the Duchesse Anne.*

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., November 12, 1898.

SIR: Confirming my telegram of yesterday, I have the honor to report the facts more in detail concerning the quarantining of the French bark *Duchesse Anne*.

The bark arrived here October 28, seventy-four days from Hongkong. One case of smallpox was noted on the bill of health. Otherwise the city and vicinity of Hongkong were free from quarantinable diseases. The captain, Joseph Servany, aged 31, born in France, died August 20, five days out. A sailor, Ange Menier, aged 55. France, died September 19, twenty-five days out.

The cause of death could not be ascertained on account of the ignorance of the mate and crew of the vessel of medical matters. The captain had been ailing for several days, but confided to no one on board as to his symptoms. At 5 o'clock on the evening of the 5th he was "out of his head," and died at 8 o'clock. Swellings of the glands were not noted. There was œdema of the feet and legs. Nothing more definite than this could be elicited. The sailor, Menier, had been sick

with cough, spitting of blood, and losing weight for some time, and was known to have "lung trouble," and is believed to have died of tuberculosis. No other cases of sickness occurred on the voyage. One or two rats were trapped, but no dead ones were found. There was no special reason to think that the captain had plague. No diagnosis was possible from the meager history. The vessel was disinfected throughout twice, all the crew bathed and their effects steamed or formalized, and released October 31.

Respectfully, yours,

M. J. ROSENAU,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in Mobile, Ala.*

MOBILE, ALA., November 14, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to state that on the 12th instant a colored family, consisting of man, woman, and child, were sent to the pesthouse with smallpox from a house outside of the city limits.

It appears that about three weeks ago they gave quarters to a colored man from Barlowbend, Clarke County. This man, Richard Rivers, has escaped and is being looked for. There is no connection with the last case reported as from Dwight.

The city court has fined one colored man "\$20 or forty days" for refusing to be vaccinated after failing to find law to punish him for harboring and concealing smallpox cases.

Two negroes escaped from a house under surveillance and are also being looked for. The health officers and police are on the alert and will capture cases early if possible.

I have information that smallpox is increasing in Hale County in the vicinity of Greensboro.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Case of smallpox at Newport News, Va.*

CAPE CHARLES QUARANTINE, November 17, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that yesterday, at the request of Dr. Bagby, health officer at Newport News, Va., I visited with him a suspicious case, isolated outside of the town, and found the man, a negro, sick with varioloid.

Very respectfully,

W. J. PETTUS,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in Larimer County, Colorado.*

DENVER, COLO., November 16, 1898.

SIR: In compliance with the agreement embodied in resolutions adopted by the conference of State boards of health respecting interstate notification of the occurrence of certain communicable diseases, you are hereby notified that 5 cases of smallpox have been reported to this office as existing near Timnath, Larimer county, this State. The origin of the disease is New Mexico. Precautions taken as usual.

Any further information of importance to you becoming known, will be promptly communicated.

Respectfully, yours,

HENRY SEWALL,  
*Secretary State board of health.*